

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend claims 6, 14, 18, 26, 30 and 33-38 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 1. (canceled).

1 2. (canceled).

1 3. (canceled).

1 4. (canceled).

1 5. (canceled).

1 6. (currently amended) A graphic user interface for an electronic device with a  
2 display comprising:  
3 a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be  
4 created, said different graphic elements existing on said global drawing surface; and  
5 a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface  
6 having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,  
7 said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively  
8 display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing  
9 surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured  
10 such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface are managed  
11 by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface,  
12 wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements is  
13 displayed in said display-and-control graphic element on the local drawing surface  
14 and a second graphic element of said different graphic elements ~~element~~ is displayed  
15 outside of said display-and-control graphic element on the global drawing surface,

16 and wherein said second graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic  
17 element has a defined operational relationship with said first graphic element in said  
18 display-and-control graphic element such that one of said first and second graphic  
19 elements is controlled by the other element of the said first and second graphic  
20 elements.

1 7. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said  
2 display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing  
3 surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1 8. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 7 wherein said  
2 display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close  
3 switch.

1 9. (canceled).

1 10. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said first  
2 graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic  
3 element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first graphic  
4 element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1 11. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said first  
2 graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic  
3 element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second graphic  
4 element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1 12. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 wherein said  
2 different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-  
3 control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and  
4 functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic  
5 elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

1 13. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further  
2 comprising a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing  
3 surface, said second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element  
4 that is functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said particular graphic  
5 element being one of said different graphic elements on said global drawing surface  
6 or one of said additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic  
7 element.

1 14. (currently amended) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further comprising  
2 a second display-and-control graphic element on said local drawing surface of said  
3 display-and-control graphic element such that said second display-and-control  
4 graphic element is located within said display-and-control graphic element, said  
5 second display-and-control graphic element including a graphic element that is  
6 functionally linked with a particular graphic element, said second display-and-control  
7 graphic element having the same characteristics of said display-and-control graphic  
8 element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements  
9 on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said  
10 display-and-control graphic element.

1 15. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further  
2 comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic  
3 control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said  
4 additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a  
5 relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said  
6 graphic control device.

1 16. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 6 further  
2 comprising a second display-and-control graphic element associated with a particular  
3 graphic element of said different graphic elements, said second display-and-control  
4 graphic element being configured to be activated to modify a property of said  
5 particular graphic element.

1 17. (previously presented) The graphic user interface of claim 16 wherein said  
2 second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control  
3 graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being  
4 configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic  
5 element.

1 18. (currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine,  
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by said machine to provide  
3 a graphic user interface on a display, said graphic user interface comprising:

4 a global drawing surface on which different graphic elements can be  
5 created, said different graphic elements existing on said global drawing surface; and

6 a display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface  
7 having a local drawing surface on which additional graphic elements can be created,  
8 said display-and-control graphic element having a viewable area that can selectively  
9 display a portion of said local drawing surface such that some of said local drawing  
10 surface is not displayed, said display-and-control graphic element being configured  
11 such that said additional graphic elements on said local drawing surface are managed  
12 by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface,

13 wherein a first graphic element of said additional graphic elements is  
14 displayed in said display-and-control graphic element on the local drawing surface  
15 and a second graphic element of said different graphic ~~elements~~ element is displayed  
16 outside of said display-and-control graphic element on the global drawing surface,  
17 and wherein said second graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic  
18 element has a defined operational relationship with said first graphic element in said  
19 display-and-control graphic element such that one of said first and second graphic  
20 elements is controlled by the other element of the said first and second graphic  
21 elements.

1 19. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said  
2 display-and-control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing  
3 surface provides a same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1 20. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 19 wherein said  
2 display-and-control graphic element includes one of a maximize switch and a close  
3 switch.

1 21. (canceled).

1 22. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said  
2 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second  
3 graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said first  
4 graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1 23. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said  
2 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second  
3 graphic element on said global drawing surface are configured such that said second  
4 graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1 24. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said  
2 different graphic elements, said additional graphic elements and said display-and-  
3 control graphic element can be saved as a log, including relative positions and  
4 functional associations of said different graphic elements, said additional graphic  
5 elements and said display-and-control graphic element.

1 25. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said  
2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element  
3 on said global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element  
4 including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a particular graphic  
5 element, said particular graphic element being one of said different graphic elements  
6 on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic elements in said  
7 display-and-control graphic element.

1 26. (currently amended) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said  
2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element  
3 on said local drawing surface display-and-control graphic element such that said  
4 second display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control  
5 graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element having the same  
6 characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element, said second display-and-  
7 control graphic element including a graphic element that is functionally linked with a  
8 particular graphic element, said particular graphic element being one of said different  
9 graphic elements on said global drawing surface or one of said additional graphic  
10 elements in said display-and-control graphic element.

1 27. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 further  
2 comprising a graphic control device on said global drawing surface, said graphic  
3 control device being functionally linked with a particular graphic element of said  
4 additional graphic elements in said display-and-control graphic element such that a  
5 relative layering position of said particular graphic element is controlled by said  
6 graphic control device.

1 28. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 18 wherein said  
2 graphic user interface further comprises a second display-and-control graphic element  
3 associated with a particular graphic element of said different graphic elements, said  
4 second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to  
5 modify a property of said particular graphic element.

1 29. (previously presented) The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said  
2 second display-and-control graphic element is one of a set of display-and-control  
3 graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set being  
4 configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular graphic  
5 element.

1 30. (currently amended) A method for providing a computer environment  
2 comprising:  
3 generating a display-and-control graphic element having a local  
4 drawing surface on a global drawing surface, said display-and-control graphic  
5 element having a viewable area that can selectively display a portion of said local  
6 drawing surface such that some of said local drawing surface is not displayed;  
7 creating a first graphic element on said local drawing surface of said  
8 display-and-control graphic element such that said first graphic element is managed  
9 by said display-and-control graphic but exist on said global drawing surface; and  
10 creating a second graphic element on said global drawing surface ~~local~~  
11 ~~drawing surface~~ outside of said display-and-control graphic element; and  
12 defining an operational relationship between said first graphic element  
13 in said display-and-control graphic element and said second graphic element outside  
14 of said display-and-control graphic element such that one of said first and second  
15 graphic elements is controlled by the other element of said first and second graphic  
16 elements.

1 31. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein said display-and-  
2 control graphic element is configured such that said local drawing surface provides a  
3 same operational environment as said global drawing surface.

1 32. (canceled).

1 33. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein said defining said  
2 operational relationship includes defining said operational relationship between said  
3 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second  
4 graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic element such that said  
5 first graphic element is controlled by said second graphic element.

1 34. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 wherein said defining said  
2 operational relationship includes defining said operational relationship between said

3 first graphic element in said display-and-control graphic element and said second  
4 graphic element outside of said display-and-control graphic element such that said  
5 second graphic element is controlled by said first graphic element.

1 35. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising saving said  
2 first graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control  
3 graphic element, including relative positions and functional associations of said first  
4 graphic element, said second graphic element and said display-and-control graphic  
5 element, as a log.

1 36. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising:  
2 generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said  
3 global drawing surface, said second display-and-control graphic element having the  
4 same characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element;  
5 creating a third ~~second~~ graphic element in said second display-and-  
6 control graphic element; and  
7 functionally linking said first graphic element in said display-and-  
8 control graphic element with said third ~~second~~ graphic element in said second  
9 display-and-control graphic element.

1 37. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising:  
2 generating a second display-and-control graphic element on said local  
3 drawing surface of said display-and-control graphic element such that said second  
4 display-and-control graphic element is located within said display-and-control  
5 graphic element, said second display-and-control graphic element having the same  
6 characteristics of said display-and-control graphic element;  
7 creating a third ~~second~~ graphic element in said second display-and-  
8 control graphic element; and  
9 functionally linking said first graphic element in said display-and-  
10 control graphic element with said third ~~second~~ graphic element in said second  
11 display-and-control graphic element.

1 38. (currently amended) The method of claim 30 further comprising functionally  
2 linking a graphic control device on said global drawing surface with said first graphic  
3 element such that a relative layering position of said first graphic element with  
4 respect to other graphic elements on said local global surface of said display-and-  
5 control graphic element is controlled by said graphic control device.

1 39. (previously presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising generating  
2 a second display-and-control graphic element on said global drawing surface that is  
3 associated with a particular graphic element on said global drawing surface, said  
4 second display-and-control graphic element being configured to be activated to  
5 modify a property of said particular graphic element.

1 40. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said generating of  
2 said second display-and-control graphic element includes generating a set of display-  
3 and-control graphic elements, each display-and-control graphic element of said set  
4 being configured to be activated to modify a unique property of said particular  
5 graphic element.